



April 2022

Happy Almost Earth Day!

We are so sorry that we had to once again cancel this years Earth Day Celebration.
[Click Here](#) for some ideas on how to celebrate Earth Day, online.

Celebrate the Earth

Let's celebrate the Earth. Let us celebrate our incredible ability to make choices that effect ourselves and the environment in a positive way. Earth day is an annual event that we can use as a reminder to check in and see the progress we have made over the past year. We are so fortunate to live in an area with clean air, good soil, and Great water. This puts us in a special position to live healthy and sustainable lives in harmony with the natural resources we are surrounded by. In fact, we can be leaders and set an example for others to follow. What do you say Northwest Michigan? Let's make the decision right now to blaze the trail in simple, common sense ways that will enrich ourselves and our region for generations to come. Where do we start you might ask? It's actually pretty simple. Take a walk instead of a drive. Buy local and in bulk when you can and bring a reusable shopping bag. When your light bulb burns out, replace it with an LED. Many of us here in Northern Michigan have no need to purchase bottled water. Instead, put your money toward a good container and bring your delicious water with you. After you reduce and reuse, don't throw it away! Utilize the great curbside pick-up or 24/7 single stream drop-off recycling services the Grand Traverse area haulers have available. Most of what you put in your garbage can be recycled. If you are a resident of Grand Traverse County, you most likely have access to curbside recycling. If not, the 24/7 recycling drop off sites are free to use! Not all items are recyclable so please follow the rules listed on the recycling bins and your haulers website. Can't find your item on the list? Check out the RecycleSmart ["Take it Back" recycling directory at RecycleSmart.info/983](#). For more information about your recycling options in Grand Traverse County as well as the special events and collections being held throughout the year, visit www.RecycleSmart.info. You may also call the Recycling Hotline at 941-5555.

Let's do this Northwest Michigan! Let us be leaders in living right and in harmony with this glorious planet that we get to call home.

Happy Earth Day from the Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Department!

Dave Schaffer
Resource Recovery Department Manager
Grand Traverse County

Grand Traverse County!
Because of your efforts we
were able to reuse, recycle
or properly dispose of
**173,592 pounds of
Household Hazardous
Waste** and almost **60,000
pounds of Scrap Tires** at
our special collection
events in 2021.



HHW Event Dates for 2022

([Sign up](#) will be available online approximately one month before each event.) Appointments are required

Thursday, April 14th Completed

Thursday, May 12th [Open for Sign-up](#)

Thursday, June 23th

Thursday, August 11th

Saturday, September 17th

What Can I Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Event?

[Click Here.](#)



Scrap Tire Collection Events 2022

May 12th

Sign up Now!

Appointments **are required and can be made by calling** the Resource Recovery Department @
231-995-6075.

**Scrap Tire Collections are funded by the EGLE
Scrap Tire Grant**



The Keystone Brush Site is open for the 2022 season!

The Brush Site is now
accepting Credit Cards as a form of
payment.

Please note that the site is closed
on all major holidays and for severe

weather conditions.
Brush Site information and hours of operation can be found by clicking [here](#).



FREE TV Recycling!

The Grand Traverse County (GTC) [RecycleSmart](#) program is happy to announce that in partnership with [Bay Area Recycling for Charities](#) (BARC), GTC residents are now able to bring your old TVs and Computer monitors to BARC's facility at 466 US 31 South, to be recycled, free of charge. This program is for Grand Traverse County Residents only and is limited to 1 TV per household, up to 500 TVs total (2 Semi Trailers full!). You must have proof of residency to participate. For more information, call BARC at 231-632-2272 or visit their website [here](#).



Adopt A Recycling Site!

RecycleSmart is looking for [Recycling Champions](#) to help keep the 24/7 Single Stream Recycling Sites clean. Individuals, groups, businesses or other entities, are encouraged to contact the RecycleSmart office at 231-632-5162 to learn more about how you can help keep these valuable resources, in their place, in our community.



Grand Traverse County RecycleSmart



Have questions about
where to recycle an
item?

Click on the Take it
Back Logo and you will
be magically
transported to the Take
it Back Directory!

If you are unable to find a solution
on the directory, please contact
the Resource Recovery
Department and we'll be sure to
help you out!



Smoke Alarm Drop Off Program

The GTC Resource Recovery Department and the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department have teamed up to bring GTC residents a Smoke Alarm Drop Off program.

You may now bring your old smoke alarms to either the **Grand Traverse Metro Fire Administration at 897 Parsons Rd. in Traverse City** or the **Grand Traverse Metro Fire Station #11 at 3000 Albany Dr.**



in Traverse City during their normal hours of operation. The drop off containers are located just inside the main entry doors. It is recommended that smoke alarms be tested monthly, the batteries replaced bi-annually and whole units replaced every 10 years. Batteries can be brought to any of the 9 drop off locations (listed below) around GTC. Please contact the Resource Recovery Department if you have any questions.

Recycle right or lose it

Illegal dumping at the Recycling Sites in Grand Traverse County will no longer be tolerated. Violators will be prosecuted.

Please spread the word. Items must never be left on the ground. If the sites continue to be misused, not only will the abusers be held accountable but we run the risk of losing these great assets to our community. To learn more about what can and can't be recycled, please visit the link below.

[GUIDELINES AND EXCLUDED MATERIALS](#)



Looking for the latest episodes of the very popular 9&10 News

TV series "Talking Trash"?
Look no further.

Click this the picture above and you will be whisked away to the glorious land of responsible recycling!

Drop Off Battery Recycling

**BE SURE TO TAPE ALL YOUR BATTERY TERMINALS
(CLEAR MASKING TAPE PLEASE)**

Batteries from Grand Traverse County residents are accepted at any of the battery drop off locations.
Batteries from commercial businesses or nonresidents are not accepted. Businesses may bring batteries to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

Battery drop off boxes are at the following locations:

Building / Location Address

Acme Township Hall
[6042 Acme Road](#)
[Williamsburg, MI 49690](#)

Blair Township Hall
[2121 County Road 633 Grawn, MI 49637](#)

City of Traverse City / Grand Traverse County Building
[400 Boardman Avenue](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49684](#)

Civic Center
[1213 W Civic Center Drive](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

Fife Lake True Value
[119 East Lake Street Fife Lake, Mi. 49633](#)

Grand Traverse County Public Service Building
[2650 LaFranier Road](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

Metro Emergency Services Building
[897 Parson Road](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49686](#)

Traverse City Fire Department
[500 W Front Street](#)
[Traverse City, MI 49684](#)

Whitewater Township Hall
[5777 Vinton Road](#)
[Williamsburg, MI 49690](#)



KNOW IT BEFORE
YOU THROW IT!



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